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(D) CAIRO 4456

1. DEPT'S REACTION TO AL-ARABY'S PROPOSALS, KEYED TO SUB-PARAGRAPHS OF REFTEL A PARA 2, FOLLOWS:

(A) CHANGE OF "THE" TO "AN" IN PARA 4 (A) IS ACCEPTABLE, PROVIDED THE WORD "STATE" IS INSERTED BETWEEN THE WORDS "EGYPTIAN" AND "INSURANCE". THE REFERENCE IS OTHERWISE TOO IMPRECISE (UNLESS ALL EGYPTIAN INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE STATE-OWNED).

(B) "FAVORABLY" VICE "SYMPATHETICALLY" IS UNACCEPTABLE, FOR REASON POLCOUNS EXPLAINED TO AL-ARABY. "IN GOOD FAITH" ADDS NOTHING, SINCE WE OF COURSE WOULD GIVE GOOD FAITH CONSIDERATION TO ANY SUCH REQUEST AND "GOOD FAITH" SUGGESTS NOTHING ABOUT THE RESULT OF CONSIDERATION; AND IT CARRIES THE UNFORTUNATE IMPLICATION THAT IN ITS ABSENCE WE MIGHT NOT EXERCISE OUR UNDERTAKINGS IN GOOD FAITH. SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION IS THE BEST WE CAN OFFER GOE, ALTHOUGH IF AL-ARABY PREFERS SOME OTHER WORD

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FOR "SYMPATHETIC" WE WILL BE GLAD TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED

SYNONYM.

(C) IBID. ALSO, WE MUST RETAIN THE IDEA THAT REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS WILL BE MADE AND CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS (NOTE ESPECIALLY THIRD TALKING POINT OF PARA 4, REF B). THUS WE WOULD LIKE THE PHRASE "IN PARTICULAR CASES" LEFT IN, ALTHOUGH WE WILL CONSIDER ANOTHER FORMULATION EXPRESSING THE SAME IDEA.

(D) AL-ARABY'S COMMENTS ARE CONFUSING. IF GOE CANNOT WAIVE SUEZ CANAL TOLLS, HOW DOES UNEF POSSIBLY GET AN EXEMPTION FROM THEM? REQUEST CLARIFICATION. IN GENERAL, WE DO NOT MIND PAYING FOR SERVICES ACTUALLY RENDERED, AND ACCORDINGLY ACCEPT PROPOSED ADDITION, "EXCEPT FOR CHARGES THAT ARE RELATED DIRECTLY TO SERVICES RENDERED". ON SECOND POINT, WE WANT "EGYPT" LEFT IN, SINCE THE PARAGRAPH IS CONCERNED WITH ENTRY INTO EGYPTIAN TERRITORY FROM OTHER COUNTRIES (E.G. VIA ALEXANDRIA BY SHIP), AS WELL AS PASSAGE BETWEEN THE BUFFER ZONES AND OTHER PARTS OF EGYPT (SEE OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, REF. C PARA 5(8)). HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE INSERTION OF PHRASE "OR TO THEIR ZONES" AFTER THE WORD "EGYPT", TO MAKE CLEAR PARA 8 APPLIES TO ALL THREE KINDS OF POSSIBLE MOVEMENT (INTERZONAL, BETWEEN BUFFER ZONES AND OTHER EGYPTIAN TERRITORY, AND BETWEEN EGYPT AND FOREIGN TERRITORY), AND TO MEET AL-ARABY'S CONCERN ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF PARA 8'S WORDING FOR EGYPTIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER SINAI.

2. REQUEST EMB REITERATE URGENCY OF REACHING AGREEMENT (REF. D PARA 1), EXPRESSING HOPE THAT FORMIN WILL FIND WAY TO AVOID SENDING P AND I LETTER TO ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL (REF. A PARA. 1). ROBINSON

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